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CHECK AND RECHECK FOR COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY

Recently there were counterfeit \$100 bills found in the 8th Finance Battalion's servicing area. When receiving currency follow the procedures in Disbursing Policy # 6, use a counterfeit pen to check currency, and use the guide below for assistance. If a Soldier presents counterfeit currency, it is immediately confiscated, CID is notified, and the Soldier is issued a receipt – the Soldier is not reimbursed for counterfeit currency. Additionally, if you take counterfeit currency into your accountability and discover it later, the counterfeit currency must be documented as a loss of funds until relief is granted. Follow procedures outlined in DoDFMR Volume 5, 060402.

Portrait

The genuine portrait appears lifelike and stands out distinctly from the background. The counterfeit portrait is usually lifeless and flat. Details merge into the background which is often too dark or mottled.



Federal Reserve and Treasury Seals

On a genuine bill, the saw-tooth points of the Federal Reserve and Treasury seals are clear, distinct, and sharp. The counterfeit seals may have uneven, blunt, or broken saw-tooth points.



Border

The fine lines in the border of a genuine bill are clear and unbroken. On the counterfeit, the lines in the outer margin and scrollwork may be blurred and indistinct.



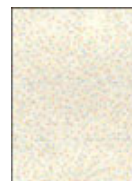
Serial Numbers

Genuine serial numbers have a distinctive style and are evenly spaced. The serial numbers are printed in the same ink color as the Treasury Seal. On a counterfeit, the serial numbers may differ in color or shade of ink from the Treasury seal. The numbers may not be uniformly spaced or aligned.



Paper

Genuine currency paper has tiny red and blue fibers embedded throughout. Often counterfeiters try to simulate these fibers by printing tiny red and blue lines on their paper. Close inspection reveals, however, that on the counterfeit note the lines are printed on the surface, not embedded in the paper. It is illegal to reproduce the distinctive paper used in the manufacturing of United States currency.



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